



# JOURNEYS for LIFE

Cities & regions connecting  
for migratory species



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Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS)



## WHY THIS MATTERS

Migratory species connect our cities and ecosystems across the globe. As they travel along their routes, they face increasing threats from habitat loss, urban expansion, and climate change. Cities play a crucial role in protecting these species and fostering ecological connectivity.

**Journeys for Life** is a global initiative that empowers cities to take action in conservation, raise awareness, and engage communities in protecting migratory species.

Join us in creating safe and sustainable pathways!

## BENEFITS FOR CITIES



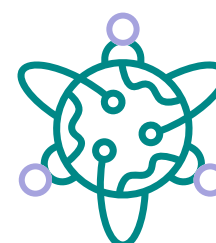
### Boost biodiversity awareness

Educate and engage your citizens about urban biodiversity and ecological connectivity.



### Community engagement & support

Foster a stronger connection between people and nature through hands-on conservation activities.



### International recognition

Be a global leader in sustainability and environmental protection efforts, and get featured as a changemaker.



### Policy and advocacy impact

Strengthen urban planning frameworks to integrate conservation strategies and influence global biodiversity policies.

# CONNECTING CITIES, PROTECTING SPECIES





## HOW IT WORKS

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### Join the program

- Cities sign up and provide initial data on local migratory species and conservation actions
- A welcoming session introduces participants to the initiative

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### Research and awareness

- Conduct studies on species migration patterns and urban challenges
- Launch social media campaigns featuring migratory bird species and city conservation stories, including special engagements in World Migratory Bird Day and Urban October

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### Exchange and collaboration

- Bimonthly online meetings for city-to-city learning and networking
- Highlight best practices and innovative urban biodiversity solutions

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### Community action

- Organize bird-watching tours, urban nature walks, citizen science programs, and community competitions

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### Advocacy and high-level engagement

- Subnational representation at key international events, such as UNFCCC COP30, and Ramsar COP15

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## GET INVOLVED

Join the **Journeys for Life** program and help shape a sustainable future for migratory species and urban biodiversity.

Journeys for Life, First Cohort (2025) honors migratory birds. If you are interested in participating in the next cohort with a different migratory species, please reach out!



**Contact us**  
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**Together, let's build a world where  
cities and migratory species thrive!**